

Transportation Team

September 26, 2013

4:00

Members Present: Peter Garrett, Joel Greenwood, Chris Huck, Elery Keene, Jim Wood, Linda Woods

Linda summarized "Climate Adaptation Facts: a Briefing for Kennebec River Valley Communities" to be held at KVCC on Nov. 2 from 8:00 to 3:00. This is sponsored by SMMC and Running Start Institute. Peter encouraged people to advertise this with everyone they see.

You can register by sending a check for \$10 to Sustain Mid Maine Coalition, 1 Common St., Waterville, ME 04901. Please consider adding an extra \$10 to cover a scholarship for a student to attend.

OR you can register via eventbrite. <http://climatefacts4me.eventbrite.com>

Jim explained the *Kennebec Explorer* schedule revision will add additional commuter routes starting on Nov. 14. The new version will have better linkage between Waterville & Augusta.

The new maps will include the trail heads. They will be moving the Augusta bus stop to near Maine State Housing which is near a popular trail head.

They are getting new used buses from New York

Action Items:

Joel: send bus routes shape files to Jon Wadick

Jim: Contact the City Planning Office to see where the trail heads are

Peter showed a draft of the new KMT map. New trail maps will include bus routes.

Each trail will be indicated with a symbol to indicate its use (hike, ski, walk). Peter is conversing with Josh Reny about developing the Fairfield woods trails. Maybe grant money can be found.

Action Item:

Joel: Send the hiking trail icon to Jim

Elery reported that Winslow has an "unsanctioned" Park & Ride near Fort Halifax. Seeking funds to relocate and put signs to indicate. Suggests working with MDOT to find another place, so parking is available for the fort. Suggests an unused parking lot near the mill.

Maine General ran a survey about potential bus service, and the numbers were huge.

The hospital isn't going to let their lots be used for commuter parking lots. There is a lot of parking at Head of Falls. Penny & Jim met with Pastor Brent (Faith Evangelical Church) about using his lot as a Park & Ride. They will allocate 20 spaces, but not officially. Also Ray Haskell Ford will let some spaces be available informally.

Action Item:

Chris: talk to Penny about contacting Mike Heavener

Jim summarized the current situation with Coordinated Transportation Solutions, the caller system for riders to get to appointments. Maine Care recipients are not getting to their appointments. Inconsistent information and problems with data transmissions. Committees in the legislature have heard multiple complaints. A solution doesn't seem imminent.

KVCOG is working with downtown groups who want to start working on a bike trail system from Gardiner to Skowhegan.

After reading about a grant that WMSt received, Linda contacted WMSt. about assisting them with this project.

Peter is part of Active Community Environment (ACE). Maybe this Team should merge with ACE. This is through Healthy Northern Kennebec.

Action Item:

Peter: Let the group know when their next meeting is

Scott is proposing a bike parking ordinance. If a new shop is being started, owners could be excused from the ordinance's parking requirements if they have one space for bikes.

Action Item:

Joel: Send a copy of the existing ordinance to Scott & Peter

Good News:

Contract out for repaving of Mayflower Hill with a bike lane on both sides

Next year MDOT may be paving Drummond Ave and School St.

Josh Reny will try to get bike lanes in the repaving contract with the gas districts.

The next meeting will be **Thursday, October 24 at 3:30 at KVCOG.**

